Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that owing to absence of wells, there is not sufficient water to drink ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This matter has been brought to the notice of the Government. I shall enquire into it and do the needful in the matter.

WATER SUPPLY—MADAYIKONAM VILLAGE

7. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the kind notice of the Government that there is not sufficient water for purposes of drinking and bathing in the village of Madayikonam (മടയിക്കോണം);

(*b*) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve matters ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are two public wells in the village—one near the Mapranam water-shed and another near the Mapranam School. The work of improving the tank in Sy. 804 of Madayikonam village at a cost of Rs. 1,450 has already been sanctioned by the Government to be taken up without delay.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know when it is going to be constructed ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Without delay. Already there is a tank in existence in Survey No. 804 at Madayikonam village and the improving of the tank at a cost of Rs. 1,450 has already been sanctioned by the Government and it will be taken up without delay.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know whether it is brought to the notice of the Government that there are two wells in the Madayikonam village and Mapranam village ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I have no information about that.

Mr. Puthoor Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Does the Government realise that Madayikonam has not even one well ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): According to necessity and population we can distribute these wells. It is very difficult to lay down a rule that each Desam must have a separate well.

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Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): There are two wells just now named. But they are located within one mile.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): With regard to drinking water I am sure it is the first item of expenditure.

WORKMEN DISBANDED FROM BARGES, ETC.— REAPPOINTMENT OF.

8. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of workmen disbanded from the barges and tugs, Mechanical Department, in 1113 ;

(*b*) when were they disbanded and why ;

(*c*) the period of service they have put in the department as workmen in barges and tugs ;

(*d*) whether representations have been received from them to provide them with work in any other department ;

(*e*) is it a fact that Government had directed the Commissioner of Excise to draft these workmen to his department ;

(*f*) if so, when was that order passed ;

(*g*) whether the Excise Commissioner has made any appointments in his department (in the inferior service) after such an order; how many appointments has he made ;

(*h*) whether the Excise Commissioner has drafted any person from among the disbanded workmen to his department?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 15 including the store-shed lascar.

(*b*) On 7th Edavam 1113; when direct pipe line service to Mattancheri was opened.

(*c*) From 5 to 7 years.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) On 15th June 1938.

(*g*) Yes ; nine.

(*h*) Yes ; four men were drafted to the Excise Preventive Force.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are the 11 hands now unemployed? Have the Government any information about the remaining 11 ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I think most of them are employed. I cannot give you a definite answer.

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